

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~May 29th, 1959COCOM Document No. 3544COORDINATING COMMITTEERECORD OF DISCUSSIONONUNITED KINGDOM PROPOSAL TO EXPORT AIRBORNE COMMUNICATIONS AND NAVIGATIONEQUIPMENT TO THE SOVIET ZONE OF GERMANYMay 25th, 1959

Present: Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Turkey,
United Kingdom, United States.

Reference: COCOM 3511.

1. The CHAIRMAN drew the attention of the Committee to the United Kingdom proposal to export certain airborne communications and navigation equipment to the Soviet Zone of Germany. He invited Delegates to give the views of their authorities.
2. The UNITED KINGDOM Delegate referred to paragraph 2 of his Memorandum, in which the reasons for submitting the request to the Committee were stated. The case could be considered as an ad hoc consultation of the Committee.
3. The GERMAN Delegate said that the views of his authorities were not favourable. Since the aircraft in which it was intended to install the equipment were still in the development stage they considered that it was difficult to speak in definite terms of the end-use to which it would be put. The value of the equipment seemed rather high. The argument that the aircraft might be sold to Western countries was not convincing because even if such aircraft were bought by the West this type of equipment could be fitted after the purchase had been made.
4. The UNITED STATES Delegate said that the preliminary view of his authorities was that they were very sceptical about the possibility of approving the United Kingdom request. They had asked for certain additional information, which they would take into account when formulating their final views. They had asked for more detailed specifications of the items involved and the names of the manufacturers. The United Kingdom Delegation had replied that they considered the specifications in their Memorandum to be sufficient and that the manufacturer's name was not the sort of information which was normally given. The Delegate pointed out that his authorities had asked for this latter information only as an additional means of identifying the equipment. Commenting on the procedural aspect, the Delegate said it was important either to address a particular exceptions procedure or to submit the kind of information necessary to justify an ad hoc case.
5. The JAPANESE Delegate said that he had been instructed to agree with the majority of the Committee.
6. The TURKISH Delegate said that the views of his authorities were not favourable but they would raise no objection if the United Kingdom request were approved unanimously.

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7. The FRENCH Delegate said that he had not yet received instructions on this request. The whole question of the supply of spare parts was undergoing an intensive inter-departmental review at the present time but he hoped to be able to give the views of his authorities on June 4th.

8. The ITALIAN Delegate said that he had no final instructions as the whole case was under active study by a technical committee in Rome.

9. The COMMITTEE agreed to continue the discussion on June 4th.

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